

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-22 were rejected. More specifically, claims 1-5 and 10-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,907,065 (“Sahakian”), claims 7, 9 and 12-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Sahakian, and claims 6, 8 and 14-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Sahakian in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,097,318 (“Tanaka”). For the reasons set forth hereinbelow, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Section 102(b) Rejections

Claims 1-5 and 10-11

Independent claim 1 is directed to an apparatus including, among other things, “a cover including a plastic body.” Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Sahakian because Sahakian fails to disclose each and every element of independent claim 1. *See* MPEP § 2131 (stating that a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is disclosed in a single prior art reference). More particularly, Applicants submit that Sahakian fails to disclose, among other elements, “a cover including a plastic body.”

In contrast to independent claim 1, Applicants submit that Sahakian, referring to Figure 4 thereof, merely discloses a silicon cap 25 (referred to in the Office Action as a “cover”) formed from a semiconductor wafer - not a cover including a plastic body as set forth in independent claim 1. *See* Sahakian, column 3, lines 63-66. Although Sahakian discloses that the prior art teaches devices that are encapsulated with plastic to form a dual-in-line package or a plastic

leaded chip carrier (*see* Sahakian, column 1, lines 20-24), Applicants submit that Sahakian does not disclose “a cover including a plastic body” as set forth in independent claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Sahakian and is in condition for allowance. Applicants also submit that claims 2-5 and 10-11, which depend from independent claim 1, are not anticipated by Sahakian and are in condition for allowance.

Section 103(a) Rejections

Claims 7-9 and 12-13

As discussed hereinabove, Applicants submit that Sahakian fails to disclose, teach, or suggest, among other elements, “a cover including a plastic body” as recited in claim 1. Therefore, by virtue of their dependence upon claim 1, Applicants submit that claims 7-9 and 12-13 are also nonobvious over Sahakian. *See* MPEP §2143.03 (stating that if an independent claim is nonobvious under §103(a), then any claim depending therefrom is nonobvious). Thus, Applicant submits that claims 7-9 and 12-13 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 6 and 8

Claims 6 and 8 depend from independent claim 1. For reasons similar to those set forth hereinabove, submit that claims 6 and 8 are nonobvious over Sahakian in view of Tanaka, and are in condition for allowance.

Claim 14

Independent claim 14 is directed to an apparatus including, among other things, “a cover including a plastic body.” For reasons similar to those set forth hereinabove, Applicants submit that independent claim 14 is nonobvious over Sahakian in view of Tanaka, and is in condition for allowance.

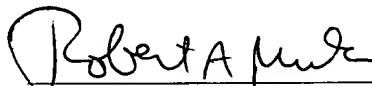
Claims 15-22

Independent claim 15 is directed to an apparatus including, among other things, “a cover including a plastic body.” For reasons similar to those set forth hereinabove, Applicants submit that independent claim 15, and claims 16-22 which depend therefrom, are nonobvious over Sahakian in view of Tanaka, and are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request a Notice Of Allowance for the pending claims in the present application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that the present application is in condition for disposition other than allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order that the Examiner's concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully submitted,



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